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# CONSTITUTION

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## Paint and Clay Club



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OF THE  
PAINT AND CLAY CLUB.

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ARTICLE I.

OBJECT OF THE CLUB.

THE objects of this Club shall be the promotion of the Fine Arts, and social intercourse among its members.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who, with the Chairman of the House Committee, the Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, the Chairman of the Elections Committee, shall constitute an Executive Committee, all to be elected at the annual meeting.

SECT. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee.

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SECT. 3. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his duties.

SECT. 4. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, keep the records, and issue the notices of the Club. He shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

SECT. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds of the Club; shall collect all moneys due to the Club; shall make all disbursements; but shall pay no bills unless approved by the Chairman of the Committee by which the bill was incurred, and shall make a report at each annual meeting of the Club's financial condition. He shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

SECT. 6. All officers of the Club, members of the House Committee, members of the Exhibition Committee, members of the Elections Committee, shall be elected at the annual meeting, and shall hold office from date of election for one year and until their successors are elected and have taken office.

## ARTICLE III.

### DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The House Committee shall consist of not less than three members, and shall have charge of the Club House, furnishings, service, and entertainments of the Club.

SECT. 2. The Exhibition Committee shall consist of not less than three members, and shall have charge of all art matters, and shall consist solely of artist members.

SECT. 3. The Elections Committee shall consist of not less than three members, all of whom shall be artists. They shall report to the Secretary the names of candidates for membership in the manner hereinafter provided for.

SECT. 4. In all meetings of committees a majority shall decide.

SECT. 5. The Executive Committee shall have general charge of all affairs, funds, and properties of the Club, and shall hold the same in trust for the benefit of the Club. They shall incur no debts amounting to more than fifty dollars, except by special vote of the Club. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

SECT. 6. Vacancies in office shall be filled for the residue of term by a majority of votes of members present at a regular business meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.

## ARTICLE IV.

### MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of May; special notice thereof shall be sent to all members of the Club seven days previous to such meeting.

SECT. 2. The regular business meetings of the Club shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month, excepting June, July, August, and September, but business may be transacted at an adjourned meeting, or at special meetings duly called.

SECT. 3. Notice of special meetings stating their objects shall be sent to each member five days before such meeting, and shall also be posted for the same period upon the notice board in the Club House.

#### VOTING BY PROXY.

SECT. 4. At any meeting of the Club absent members may be represented by members present duly authorized to vote by written proxies filed with the Secretary before the meeting.

#### QUORUM.

SECT. 5. At any business meeting, one-third of the total membership personally present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business; but if the membership of the Club exceeds thirty, ten shall be a quorum.

### ARTICLE V.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. All nominations for membership must be made in writing, signed by two members, and submitted

to the Elections Committee. If a majority of the committee favor the admission of any candidate, his name shall be reported to the Secretary, and posted as required under Article VI., Section 3, of this Constitution.

SECT. 2. Election for the admission of members may take place at any business meeting of the Club.

SECT. 3. Notice of such meeting and the name with the residence of each candidate for admission, and the name of each person proposing him, shall be posted in the Club House by the Secretary fourteen days previous to such meeting. This notice shall also be sent to each member of the Club.

SECT. 4. Negative votes to the number of one-third of those cast shall exclude the candidate from membership.

SECT. 5. No candidate who shall have been rejected shall be proposed again within six months.

SECT. 6. The Secretary shall notify each person who is chosen a member, of his election, and of the amount of the entrance fee and annual assessment to be paid by him; and no person so chosen shall be entitled to any of the privileges of a member until he has paid to the Treasurer the entrance fee and the proportionate part of the annual assessment for the current year, as provided for in Article VI., Section 2, and has signed the Constitution in a book to be kept by the Secretary for that purpose. If the dues are not paid within sixty days after

the elected member has received said notification, his election shall be cancelled.

## ARTICLE VI.

### ENTRANCE FEE AND ASSESSMENTS.

SECTION 1. The entrance fee shall be \$20.00.

SECT. 2. The annual assessment shall be \$15.00. Persons joining the Club after the beginning of the year shall pay the entrance fee and a proportionate part of the assessment for the unexpired term of the current year, reckoning from the first day of the month after that in which his election took place.

### ASSESSMENTS.

SECT. 3. The assessment fee shall be due and payable on the fifteenth day of October. If any member's assessment is unpaid on the first day of January following, his name shall be posted in the Club House. If the said assessment remain unpaid thirty days thereafter, he shall cease to be a member of the Club.

## ARTICLE VII.

### RESIGNATIONS.

SECTION 1. Any member may withdraw from the Club by paying all dues and giving written notice to the

Secretary on or before October 15, and any resignation made subsequently thereto shall not discharge the member presenting it from his assessment for the ensuing year.

SECT. 2. Such resignation shall operate as an assignment and release to the Club of all the right, title, and interest of such member in and to the property and assets of the Club.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Any three members may present to the Executive Committee written charges, signed by themselves, impugning the character or conduct of any other member; and if it appear to the Executive Committee on inquiry, after notice to the member so complained of, and an opportunity given him to be heard in his defence, that his conduct is deserving of censure, or has endangered or is likely to endanger the good order, welfare, or character of the Club, or is a violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, or Regulations of the Club, the committee may, by a vote of a majority of all the members thereof, either admonish him, request his resignation, or declare his membership forfeited. A member expelled shall have the right to appeal, within one month after



being notified of the action of the committee, to the Club, and upon receiving written notice of the appeal, the Executive Committee shall call a special meeting of the Club to be held not more than four weeks from the date of the call for the purpose of hearing such appeal. If a majority of the members present at such meeting shall, on secret ballot, reverse the action of the committee, the person appealing shall be restored to his privileges as member of the Club; but until such reversal, he shall not be entitled to use the Club House or enjoy any other privilege of a member.

## ARTICLE IX.

### GUESTS.

SECTION 1. Persons residing forty miles or more from the City of Boston and having no place of business therein, may be introduced by a member to the Club House for a single day, either personally or by card of introduction; and any member of the Executive Committee may invite such a person to use the Club House for a week. The Executive Committee may by vote so invite any such person for a month, and no person who shall have received an invitation shall be invited to use the Club House for three months after his invitation shall have expired, except by special vote of the Executive Committee.

## STRANGERS.

SECT. 2. No member may introduce any person residing in Boston, or within forty miles of Boston, or having a place of business therein, into any part of the Club House, except the strangers' room and the private dining-room oftener than once in three months, or to any meeting of the Club oftener than once a year. The person so introduced must always be provided with a card signed and registered by the Secretary; provided, however, that this shall not apply to persons introduced to exhibitions and entertainments; and provided, further, that the Executive Committee may, by special vote, invite any such person to visit the Club House when they think it desirable to do so.

SECT. 3. Every member introducing a person to the Club House under this Article of the Constitution, or requesting an invitation for one, shall enter his name at the time in a visitors' book kept for the purpose, with his own name and the date of introduction. Where the person is introduced by card, or the invitation is requested by letter, this entry shall be made by the clerk.

SECT. 4. No visitor or guest shall be permitted to introduce any stranger to the Club House; and the Executive Committee shall have the power to exclude any person not a member from the Club House if they think it expedient to do so.

SECT. 5. Any member introducing or requesting an introduction for any stranger to the Club House, shall be responsible for all charges and liabilities incurred by him, the same as if incurred by the member himself.

## ARTICLE X.

### AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. No alteration or amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws shall be made unless presented at a regular business meeting, and posted in the Club House directly thereafter, to be acted upon at a subsequent business meeting (due notice of which, stating the changes proposed, shall have been given). No amendment shall be made except by vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon.

SECT. 2. Every amendment to this Constitution shall be approved at a meeting called for this purpose of the artist members before being submitted to the Club.